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SENT: DEPARTMENT POLTO 1535, REPEATED INFORMATION BONN POLTO 267,
LONDON POLTO 428, MOSCOW POLTO 75, BERLIN POLTO 23.

PRIVATE SESSION NAC DECEMBER 3 TAKEN UP BY THOROUGH
DISCUSSION BERLIN QUESTION IN WHICH ACUTE SENSE OF IN-
VOLVEMENT OF ALL EXPRESSLY STATED, PARTICULARLY INTEREST
SHOWN IN METHOD BY WHICH NATO WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO
DISCUSSION OF WESTERN REACTION TO SOVIET NOTES.

BLANKENHORN OPENED WITH PRELIMINARY GERMAN ANALYSIS
NOTES TO GDR AND GFR. SAID NOTES ESSENTIALLY SAME BUT
THAT TO GDR EMPHASIZED

(1) PRINCIPAL CONDITION FOR RECONCILIATION OF TWO GERMANY'S
IS RENUNCIATION OF RE-ARMAMENT IN NATO BY GFR;

(2) INTENTION OF SOVIETS TO TURN OVER THEIR SOVEREIGN
RIGHTS CONCERNING BERLIN TO GDR;

(3) NECESSITY FOR BERLIN REUNIFICATION IN ORDER
"GIVE BACK" GERMANS THEIR CAPITAL;

(4) ANY ATTACK BY WEST ON GDR WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY
SOVIETS AS ATTACK UNDER WARSAW TREATY.

BLANKENHORN, IN CONCLUSION, SAID GFR CANNOT ACCEPT PROPOSAL
OF SOVIET NOTE, POINTING OUT FAR-REACHING RESULTS OF
ACCEPTING IDEA OF WEST BERLIN AS FREE CITY AND CONSEQUENT
SOVIET CONTROL OF CITY.

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BLANKENHORN REPORTED FOUR POWERS NOW CONSULTING IN BONN RE WESTERN REPLY AND COUNCIL WOULD BE INFORMED OF RESULTS AND PROPOSALS STEMMING FROM TALKS. MATTER UNDOUBTEDLY TO BE CONSIDERED BY 4 MINISTERS IN PARIS. THIS LAUNCHED LONG DISCUSSION ON HOW NATO WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO PICTURE DURING WHICH SECGEN, DUTCH, BELGIAN AND OTHER EMPHASIZED EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF QUESTION TO ALL NATO MEMBERS AND SUGGESTED INTER ALIA IMMEDIATE DISCUSSIONS IN NAC OR POLAD. BLANKENHORN REPORTED PRESENT PLAN CONTEMPLATED MEETING OF 4 MINISTERS DECEMBER 15 AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION IN NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING. ROBERTS POINTED OUT HIGHLY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED AND PROPER EXPERTS ASSEMBLED ONLY IN BONN. THEREFORE IMPRACTICAL HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ELSEWHERE. SAID MINISTERS COULD NOT MEET 15TH BECAUSE OF WEU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETINGS, BOTH CHAIRED BY SELQYN LLOYD. SUGGESTED NAC MEETING MORNING OF 16TH TO DISCUSS DEFENSE TOPICS WHILE 4 MINISTERS MEET ON BERLIN QUESTION WITH NATO MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION BERLIN IN AFTERNOON.

U.S. GAVE POSITION ALONG LINES TOPOL 1853, ADDING US FELT 4 MINISTERS SHOULD MEET N 16TH, AND POINTING OUT WORLD WOULD BE EXPECTING NATO TO DISCUSS QUESTION AND DEAL WITH ISSUE IN COMMUNIQUE. HE, AS DID UK, GERMANY AND FRANCE, STRESSED DESIRE TO KEEP NATO FULLY INFORMED AND RECEIVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM THEIR COUNTRIES. SPAAK STRONGLY SUPPORTED US, SAYING NAC MUST SHOW UNANIMITY AND MEAN IT, IF PRESS NOT TO DIG BELOW COMMUNIQUE FOR HIDDEN SPLITS.

AFTER SEVERAL COUNTRIES EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NATO COUNTRIES MIGHT NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS VIEWS BEFORE 4 MINISTERS REACH DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS, ROBERTS SUGGESTED NAC MEETING ON BERLIN DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 8 TO GIVE NATO COUNTRIES CHANCE TO PASS ON DEAS TO FOUR AND FOR PRELIMINARY PROGRESS REPORT ON BONN DELIBERATIONS. BLANKENHORN SAID HE THOUGHT MINISTERS WOULD NOT COME TO PARIS WITH FIRM CONCLUSIONS BUT ONLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER IN NATO IN LIGHT OF BONN DISCUSSIONS.

BLANKENHORN READ REPORT RECEIVED DURING MEETING THAT WEU MIGHT POSTPONE DECEMBER 15 MEETING AND THIS TEMPORARILY POSTPONED ISSUE OF WHETHER TO PROVIDE TIME FOR FOUR FONMINS BY:

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A) DEALING WITH DEFENSE ITEMS MORNING OF 16TH

B) PROVIDING FOR MEETING 4 FONMINS 5:30 PM DECEMBER 16. FRENCH DISLIKE (A) SAYING COUVE WOULD WISH ATTEND ANY MEETINGS RE DEFENSE SUBJECTS.

COUNCIL MEETING ENDED AGREEING TO PLACE BERLIN ON AGENDA REGULAR DECEMBER 10 MEETING. NO FIRM DECISION AS TO SCHEDULE FOR FOUR MINISTERS MEETING AND NATO MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION BERLIN MATTER.

TEXT OF GERMAN STATEMENT BEING POUCHED.

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